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Jacob Pell papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Jacob Pell papers
Date:	1925-1991
Identifier:	AAA.pelljaco
Creator:	Pell, Jacob, 1898?-1991
Extent:	0.8 Linear feet 0.4 Linear feet (Addition)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Pell's widow, Lilyan Pell, 1992-1993.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter; Los Angeles, Calif. Born in the Ukraine (both 1898 and 1900 birthdates are listed), Pell came to New York in 1913 where he began his studies at the National Academy of Design under Leon Kroll, and later at the Art Students League with John Sloan. From 1929-1931 he painted in Paris, moving back to New York in 1931, where he worked for the WPA. Pell moved to Los Angeles in 1955.

Scope and Contents

Art works, including sketches in graphite, chalk and pen and 4 sketchbooks of drawings in watercolor, graphite, and pen and ink; photographs and photocopies of photographs of Pell, his paintings, and friends; and a scrapbook containing clippings, exhibition announcements, and letters.

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ADDITION: Sketches, photographs of paintings, and a VHS video of art work in Lilyan Pell's home.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks
Video recordings

Occupations:

Painters -- California -- Los Angeles